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SUBJECT: CLOSER TIES BETWEEN THE EC AND AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND
AND THE ASEAN COUNTRIES

1. AT A PRESS CONFERENCE ON OCTOBER 4 FOLLOWING HIS RETURN
FROM A VISIT TO SOUTHEAST ASIA, EC VICE PRESIDENT SOAMES

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SPOKE OF INTEREST ON THE PART OF AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND

AND THE ASEAN COUNTRIES IN CLOSER TIES IN THE EC.

2. AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND: SOAMES INDICATED HE FOUND A DESIRE FOR "DEEPER AND MORE CONFIDENT" RELATIONS WITH THE COMMUNITY ALONG THE LINES OF THOSE BETWEEN THE COMMUNITY AND THE US OR JAPAN. REGULAR MEETINGS IN BRUSSELS OR ELSEWHERE ARE ENVISAGED AT THE SENIOR OFFICIAL OR MINISTERIAL LEVEL "IN ORDER TO PULL TOGETHER THE STRINGS OF DAY-TO-DAY RELATIONSHIPS."

2. ASEAN COUNTRIES: SOAMES SAID THE ASEAN COUNTRIES ALSO SEEK AN INTENSIFIED RELATIONSHIP. THEY RECOGNIZE THAT NO INDIVIDUAL EUROPEAN COUNTRY CAN PROVIDE THEM WITH THE "EUROPEAN OPTION" IN TRADE, INVESTMENTS, AND ASSISTANCE THAT THE EC OFFERS AND WHICH WOULD LESSEN THEIR FEELING OF DEPENDENCE ON THE US AND JAPAN. WHAT THEY ANTICIPATE IS THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A STUDY GROUP WHICH WOULD MEET REGULARLY WITH THE COMMISSION AT VARIOUS LEVELS UP TO AND INCLUDING MINISTERIAL.
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